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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 24 April 1995, from my President addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
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Annex

Letter dated 24 April 1994 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Recently, the entire international community has witnessed the arbitrary and unlawful way in which the Serbian aggressor has acted with respect to control over Sarajevo airport. Specifically, three extremely serious incidents have occurred in only the past few days.

First, a week ago, members from the international community Contact Group were denied access to Sarajevo. Secondly, the Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina was prevented from leaving Sarajevo via a United Nations flight, and lastly, on 21 April, four American and German diplomats were forbidden to go from the airport to the city.

These and similar actions taken by the Serbian aggressor continue to violate the international political arrangements with regard to the airport functionality as well as to humiliate the United Nations forces in such a fashion that they absolutely require determined action from the Security Council to rectify the matter.

The de facto establishment of Serbian authority over the airport of Sarajevo represents a blatant violation of Security Council resolution 761 (1992) of 29 June 1992, and, on the basis of that resolution, the agreement made by which the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) was granted the exclusive right and mandate to manage the airport.

In addition, Security Council resolution 900 (1994) of 4 March 1994 has been made ineffectual, as the strangulation of Sarajevo is worse today than ever before.

The warring Serbs under Karadzic are obviously encouraged to commit their actions due to the passivity of UNPROFOR command as well as that of the United Nations administration.

We therefore demand that the Security Council examine and take into urgent consideration the aforementioned facts and move without delay to ensure strict adherence to and respect for the above-mentioned resolutions, in particular on the part of the military and civilian elements of the United Nations hierarchy.

The ever-increasing tension in and around Sarajevo and the operationalized threats from the Serbian aggressor that they will completely close the airport, the facts of which you are no doubt aware of, strengthen us in the hope that you will undertake the adequate and necessary steps in answering the seriousness of the situation.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President of the Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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